Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, so far as the present lease is concerned.

President.—The condition is that the rent should be regularly paid.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So then there is no such condition. There is only then the liability to pay tax. That is true in other cases also. Is the rent subject to revision at any time during the period of lease?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Not so far at present; it is not subject to any revision.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—At no time during the period of the lease it is subject to revision; am I to understand so?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The rate of rent is permanent; it is not subject to revision.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then am I to hold that the rent on their holdings now is not subject to revision?

President.—That is to say, what the Diwan Peishkar wants to say is, if there is no mistake in the extent of the holdings, the rate of rent per acre or any given area is not subject to revision. If, on a re-survey, it is found that the extent of the holdings is larger, then they will have to pay rent on the excess area also in addition to what they have been paying.

Investment in the Potteries.

412. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money that stand invested in the Potteries Scheme at Chalakkudi;

(b) whether any one was appointed or deputed to investigate its possibilities and report;

(c) if so, the name of the person so deputed, his qualifications and the amount of money spent upon the deputation;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place his report on the Table of the House?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 4,25,320—4—0 up to the end of 1103.

(b) Yes.

(c) Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel. They have long experience in the manufacture of clay products. No separate accounts have been kept for the money spent for original investigation.

(d) Copies of the reports are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to sub-division (c) is 'Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel.' I ask whether they were the only employees as far as the published records show? With regard to my question (b), the answer given is 'Yes'. May I know whether it was not investigated by one Mr. Balappa or so?

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President.—He succeeded Mr. Kuehnel.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question was not clear. We could not understand whether it meant that any investigation was conducted after the Potteries was closed. Before the work was started Mr. Thampan and Mr. Kuehnel were deputed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is nothing in my question to think whether anything was done when the Potteries was started. The answer given to sub-division (a) is 'Rs. 4,25,320—4—0 up to the end of 1103.' I ask will not this amount include the expenditure incurred on the Potteries after Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel left? Would not this include everything, all the investigations made till the end of 1103 as well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The investigations made on the Potteries were made by Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Would not the amount given here include the expenses in connection with those investigations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then the amount spent on the Potteries after Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel left may now be given. After Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel left the place was anybody else appointed in that place to investigate the possibilities of the Potteries and report?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Messrs. Thampan and Kuehnel were the only persons deputed to investigate its possibilities and report.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think one man was brought from Mysore, one Mr. Balappa. I want to know whether the amount given in answer to (a) would include all the expenses in connection with that also.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. But Mr. Balappa was asked to work the Potteries. There was no investigation work done by him.

Kariyannur Panchayat.

413. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether the members of the Kariyannur Panchayat have resigned from the office;

(b) if so, whether their resignation was accepted by the Government;

(c) if the Government has not accepted their resignation, what are the reasons that induced the Government to do so;

(d) will the Government place on the Table all papers relating to the above matter?

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